

the other side of the aisle and to the administration.

I know that you believe opening the border is compassionate policy, but the cartels are exploiting your version of compassion and using it to manipulate desperate families.

For some inexplicable reason, the Biden administration has made it official policy to finish the cartels' work for them and take these children to their new life, which could be as part of an MS-13 gang, or a labor work crew, or a sex trafficking ring. It could be with drug runners.

If you believe all these children are headed to their families, you're living in fantasyland.

Last week, Senator HAGERTY, Congressman FLEISCHMAN, and I sent a letter to HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra and OHS Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas asking for an explanation. We are still waiting for a satisfactory response.

But I will tell you, you cannot fix this crisis with a talking point. You cannot fix it by staying silent, as Secretaries Becerra and Mayorkas have chosen to be.

Parents are sending their children 1,000 miles across the continent in the custody of drug mules and sex traffickers because the administration has given them hope that if they take this one, unthinkable risk, the door will be open, and they will be able to follow their children into the country.

We have the power to stop this.

It is time to abandon talking points, address the root cause of the crisis, and secure our southern border before it is too late. Because if we have learned anything about how the cartels operate, the children who passed through Chattanooga last week, the ones who made it here, are the lucky ones.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

CENTENNIAL OF GAGLIANO'S ITALIAN MARKET & DELI

• Mr. BENNET. Madam President it is my honor to congratulate Gagliano's Italian Market & Deli on 100 years of successful entrepreneurship founded in culture, community, and family in Pueblo, CO. The Gagliano's story is one of multigenerational immigrant success and a heartening example of the American dream.

Giuseppe Gagliano, known as Joe, left Italy in 1918. The promise of steel mill work and American opportunity drew him to Pueblo. Maria Carmella DeAngelo—his neighbor from the farmlands just outside of Palermo in Lucca, Sicily—followed him and they were married in 1920. Soon, they had their first child, Rose. In 1921, however, a catastrophic flood destroyed their first home. Later, they lost their second child, Francis, to illness. Despite these tragedies, the Gaglianos persisted in finding opportunity.

Joe began the family's legacy of entrepreneurship by saving enough

money selling milk from his cow before and after his shifts at the mill. Later that year, he used \$300 in savings to buy the empty lot next to their new Elm Street home to build an attached store.

Joe and Maria Gagliano's market stocked a wide variety of sought-after Italian foods and specialties that became popular with Pueblo's diverse immigrant community. Carmella soon developed the recipe for her classic Italian sausage that quickly became a mainstay of the business. While they nurtured their entrepreneurial success, they showed compassion to customers during the Great Depression by never pursuing unpaid debts under the interest free credit they offered. The Gaglianos and their extended family who helped to run the store also took pride in their hard work to become U.S. citizens.

The Gagliano's story shows the great power of family bonds with four generations having owned and operated the store, cultivating both its historic identity and its business growth over the decades. Founders Joe and Carmella Gagliano passed away in 1966 and 1992, respectively. In 1994, Joe and Rose (Gagliano) Cortese retired from the business. Their successors in owning and operating the store are Tony Gagliano, the nephew of original founder Joe, along with his wife Josephine and children, Bonnie and Vince.

I am grateful to commemorate this special moment that is a living reflection of the American dream. I wish for a pleasant community celebration of this milestone in Pueblo on June 26, 2021, as well. May the Gagliano family and their Italian Market & Deli take pride in their century of success and find many more years of prosperity and health to come.●

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARYLAND STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

• Mr. CARDIN. Madam President, I rise to ask the Senate to join me in recognizing the Maryland State Bar Association on the 125th anniversary of its founding. Since its founding on August 28, 1896, the Maryland State Bar Association, MSBA, has advanced and protected the interests of Maryland attorneys, their clients, and the general public.

Over the past 125 years, the MSBA has grown into a premier professional trade association comprised of over 20,000 members from every segment of the legal profession. This includes large law firms, solo and small-firm practitioners, government lawyers, in-house counsel, nonprofit attorneys, judges, and legal academics. The MSBA has steadfastly supported the Maryland legal community in its important work to serve the public interest, facilitate commerce, and create a more fair and just society.

In the decades since its founding, the MSBA has advanced and supported the

demographic diversification of the Maryland bar. In partnership with the Judiciary of Maryland and numerous nonprofit partners, the MSBA and in particular its Committee on Diversity & Inclusion have fostered policies and programs to enhance the diversity of the practice of law in the State to the benefit of all Marylanders. The committee is charged with promoting recruitment, hiring, and retention processes to create environments within the legal community in which all individuals are encouraged to join, thrive, and lead the legal profession regardless of race, color, gender, gender identity, disability, sexual orientation, national origin, or any other characteristic of identity.

Over the years, the MSBA has also expanded its vision and mission to include efforts to promote access to civil legal services. The association has advocated for legislation to support the Maryland Legal Services Corporation, a critically important organization that raises and distributes funds to nonprofit organizations that provide civil legal assistance to low-income individuals in Maryland. As chair of the corporation from 1988 to 1995, I know firsthand the extraordinary and needed service that it provides. In addition, MSBA has in recent years integrated the operations of the Maryland Access to Justice Commission, an independent entity that convenes partners from the State attorney general to the private sector, to academia, to advance equal access to the civil justice system.

In the community at-large, the MSBA has played a significant role in enhancing civic literacy in Maryland, including by hosting thousands of high school students participating in mock trial and moot court competitions. These programs offer students the opportunity to enhance their skills and expose them to the practical implications and importance of the law. As a Maryland lawyer myself, I ask the Senate to join me in congratulating the Maryland State Bar Association for its exemplary service to the Maryland legal community over the past 125 years.●

RECOGNIZING THE FIRST CLASS OF GRADUATES FROM THE KIRK KERKORIAN SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

• Ms. CORTEZ MASTO. Madam President, I rise to recognize the graduating class from the Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. This is an incredible milestone in the school and university's history, as well as for Southern Nevada. Fifty students who began their studies 4 years ago as the charter class of medical students had their degree of medical doctor MD, conferred earlier this month on May 7, 2021.

For Southern Nevada, this is a pinnacle achievement because until now, Las Vegas was the largest metropolitan area in the Nation without an MD-

granting medical school. Nevada has grown exponentially over the past few decades, and the number of physicians has not kept pace in our communities. Nevada ranks 45th in the Nation for the number of active physicians per 100,000 residents and comes in 48th for primary care physicians and 50th for general surgeons. Making this graduating class all the more exceptional, 18 of the 50 newly minted physicians plan on staying in the Silver State for their residency.

Many of these graduates no doubt had some assumptions of what the beginning of their lifelong medical journey might look like when they began, and few could have anticipated what these past 4 years have brought. From the COVID-19 pandemic and before that, the Route 91 Harvest festival mass shooting in 2017, these graduates have mourned with their community, risen to the challenges, and proven just what it means to be battle-born. This is an incredible moment for Nevada, the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, our communities, and these dedicated graduates and their families.

I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating this achievement.●

REMEMBERING KATHIE BAILEY

● Mr. DAINES. Madam President, today I have the distinct honor of recognizing Kathie Bailey. Kathie passed away on May 14, 2021, in Lewistown, MT. Kathie was an amazing woman. She and her husband, Rod, were married for 43 years and had two sons, C.J. and Justin. She was active in supporting them in rodeo, 4-H, and FFA events. Kathie was a caring wife, mother, and grandmother.

Kathie also was active in public service. She served on many State boards, as well as the administrator of the City of Colstrip for 7 years and a Fergus County commissioner for 5 years. She served as a 4-H Extension staff member for several years and was on the national board for 6 years.

Kathie was the driving force for the creation and development of the Snowy Mountain Development Center, SMDC. This organization has been the impetus for business development, homeownership, and health services in the area. Her staff lovingly called her “Barra-cuda Bailey” and the “Tasmanian Devil” when describing her intensity and dedication to projects that were important to her and her community. Kathie left an endowment to ensure the long-term viability of SMDC, which she founded in 2001 and initially operated from the trunk of her car. As a result of her efforts, she built SMDC into a multimillion-dollar organization, recently recognized as an EnVision Center, a State-sanctioned Certified Regional Development Corporation, and helped establish a federally designated Economic Development District. She had a highly proficient team of professional women that she hand-picked, trained, coached, mentored,

and trusted to carry forth her legacy. Central Montana’s community and economic landscape reflects the thousands of hours and dollars she invested passionately, selflessly, and honorably in her community and with the people she loved so deeply.

But most importantly, Kathie’s life was shaped by God. She knew that God was guiding her to something new and even more rewarding and was eagerly awaiting God’s calling. She was secure in knowing where she would spend eternity.

We lost an accomplished person when Kathie passed. Her life was indicative of the true Montana spirit of selfless giving and dedication to making the world a better place. She will be missed.●

REMEMBERING “PIANO PAT” SPONHEIM

● Mr. DAINES. Madam President, today I have the honor of recognizing “Piano Pat” Sponheim, an iconic entertainer and a Montana treasure. Pat passed away peacefully at the age of 85 on May 4, 2021.

Piano Pat was a Great Falls staple. She had been singing, playing the piano, and lighting up the room at the world-renowned Sip ‘N Dip Lounge since 1963. Montanans and tourists from every corner of the world would swarm the Great Falls Tiki Bar to hear Pat belt out her rendition of some of the greatest classics. Her vast repertoire of songs would always amaze people as they made requests that soon became her next tune. Her performances brought joy to everyone who listened. For over five decades, Piano Pat entertained folks of all ages and backgrounds.

Pat was not only a Montana celebrity; she was also a strong follower of Christ. Her faith was a guiding force in her life, and she was known for her love and compassion for others. As a single mom, Pat worked hard to raise her three children. She continued her dedication to her family by caring for her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Her passion for music and her love of life was infectious. Pat was a Montana legend who will be dearly missed by her family, friends, and fans from Montana and around the world. She has joined her heavenly choir now.●

TRIBUTE TO DEPUTY DAVID “OZ” OSBORNE

● Mr. PAUL. Madam President, when a popular sheriff’s deputy from Daviess County, KY began what seemed to be a routine call in 1989, he had no reason to anticipate that his life would soon be hanging by a thread. He served a restraining order without incident and returned to his vehicle. But then, in the blink of an eye, he was shot multiple times, beaten severely, and was nearly run over by the assailant as he fled the scene.

Deputy David “Oz” Osborne was left to die on a driveway along a country

road, but Clarence and Mary Hulsey had made an unplanned—and for them, unusual—decision to go to town to get ice cream on that May evening. First spotting Osborne’s hat, they quickly found him, summoned help, and remained with him until first responders could take over.

This assault nearly ended Osborne’s life 30 years ago, but although he was badly wounded and temporarily paralyzed, he recovered completely, returned to duty, raised his family, and was later elected Daviess County clerk.

More impressive than this narrative is the fact that the convicted assailant later contacted Osborne from prison, seeking his forgiveness, and Osborne agreed. Citing his Christian faith as his motivation, he said that forgiveness “did not happen overnight, but it did happen.”

It is clear why the citizens of Daviess County have so much respect for Oz Osborne to this very day. His story reminds us of the risks that our law enforcement officers and first responders face in the line of duty, but it teaches all of us an indelible and rare lesson about forgiveness and mercy.●

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1094. A communication from the Director, Regulations Management Division, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program” (RIN0570-AB02) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 18, 2021; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1095. A communication from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fifteenth report to Congress on crime victims’ rights; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1096. A communication from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Judicial Conference’s bankruptcy judgeship recommendations and corresponding draft legislation; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1097. A communication from the Section Chief of the Diversion Control Division, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Schedules of Controlled Substances: Placement of Remimazolam in Schedule IV” ((21 CFR Part 1308) (Docket No. DEA-658)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 18, 2021; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1098. A communication from the Section Chief of the Diversion Control Division, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Schedules of Controlled Substances: Placement of Lemborexant in Schedule IV” ((21 CFR Part 1308) (Docket No. DEA-600)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 18, 2021; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1099. A communication from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United